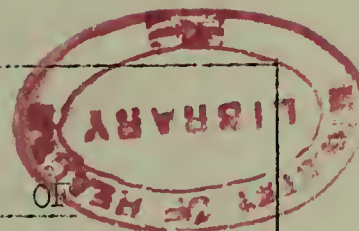


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BOROUGH AND COUNTY TOWN OF

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

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For the Year

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PUBLIC AND PORT HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor W. J. Stickland
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His Worship the Mayor: Councillor J. Bright, J. P.

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M. J. Wheatley, C.B.E., J. P.

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(on active service)

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Mrs. Dewhurst Mrs. Langridge
Lady Ommannoy

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W. D. Simmonds W. J. Stickland
A. Penn

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The Rev. Canon P.D. Leahy R. F. Tarrant
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F. G. Percy F. St.B. Haskett Smith
Mrs. A. W. Pawle

GENERAL STATISTICS

- (1) Area of Borough. 15,641 acres, not including 2,220 acres of tidal waters and foreshore.
- (2) Population. a. As at Census, 1931 57,211
b. As estimated by Registrar-General at 30th June, 1944. .. 67,810
c. National Registration, 1939 .. 77,954

(3) Total Number of Inhabited Houses (from Rate Book)

As at December, 1943	..	..	..	21,441
" " " 1944	..	..	..	21,465

(4) Rateable Value at 1st April, 1944 £647,207

Sum represented by a Penny Rate £2,500

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND UNEMPLOYMENT

For recent years the condition of the labour market has been as shown below:-

Year	Average of Unemployment.	Unemployment as at December.	Relief as at December.
1931-1935	1543	1742	1655
1936-1940	1177	1639	1414
1940	Not available	Not available	774
1941	do.	do.	724
1942	do.	do.	602
1943	84	78	502
1944	71	100	599

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1944

As supplied by the Registrar General

			Total	Male	Female
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>					
Total registered	..	..	1355	687	668
Legitimate	..	..	1196	609	587
Illegitimate	..	..	159	78	81
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>					
Total registered	..	..	36	18	18
Legitimate	..	..	32	16	16
Illegitimate	..	..	4	2	2
<u>DEATHS</u>					
Total registered	..	..	886	437	449
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>					
Deaths from puerperal causes:-					
Puerperal sepsis			-	-	-
Other puerperal causes			-	-	-
Total	..	..	-	-	-

/DEATHS

DEATHS FROM SPECIAL CAUSES

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Cancer	134	51	83
Whooping Cough.....	1	1	-
Measles.....	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	3	1	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	10	5	5

INFANT MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:

Total registered.....	50	24	26
Legitimate.....	45	23	22
Illegitimate.....	5	1	4

Comparative Statistics (Where available)

	<u>Poole</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population, mid-1944	19.9	17.6
STILLBIRTH RATE per 1,000 population	0.53	0.50
DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated average population	13.06	11.6
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births		
Puerperal sepsis	-	0.28
Other causes	-	1.25
Abortion with sepsis	-	0.31
Abortion without sepsis	-	0.09
DEATH RATE OF INFANTS under 1 year of age		
All infants per 1,000 live births	36.9	46.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	37.6	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	31.4	
DEATH RATES PER 1,000 estimated average population		
Tuberculosis - pulmonary	0.54	
- non-pulmonary	0.07	
Cancer.....	1.97	
Measles.....	-	0.01
Diphtheria.....	0.04	0.02
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) per 1,000 live births	7.37	4.8

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Mid-Year Population	Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births	Per 1,000 of Population				
			Birth Rate.	Marriage Rate.	Death Rate (Uncor- rected)	Cancer Death Rate.	Pulmonary Tuberculo- sis Death Rate.
1900	18991	131	27.7		15.3	1.3	0.9
1905	21804	113	26.7		15.7	0.8	1.3
1910	34268	82	26.0	15.4	12.7	1.1	1.1
1915	42800	93	18.7	18.6	13.2	0.9	0.8
1920	43400	75	23.6	22.0	10.8	1.2	0.9
1925	46150	71.7	18.1	16.7	11.7	1.6	0.71
1930	56150	57.6	16.7	15.4	12.39	1.87	0.85
1935	65600	44.0	16.0	16.8	11.7	1.84	0.79
1940	72820	51.8	14.0	20.1	13.1	2.02	0.51
1941	69960	53.5	15.0	19.3	13.5	2.0	0.51
1942	69940	47.0	17.6	18.7	13.5	1.8	0.56
1943	68200	37.0	17.0	15.8	14.1	2.1	0.44
1944	67810	36.9	19.9	14.8	13.06	1.97	0.54
England & Wales 1944		46.0	17.6	-	11.6	-	-

I N F A N T M O R T A L I T Y 1944

Cause of Death	Under 7 days	7-14 days	14-21 days	21-28 days	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	Total under 1 year
Prematurity.	19	1	1	1	22	1	2	1	-	22
Broncho-pneumonia.	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	6
Injury at Birth.	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2
Conjunctal defect.	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	3
Gastro-enteritis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	12
Asphyxia.	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Jaundice.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Intestinal obstruction.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pyloric stenosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	22	4	1	1	28	9	12	2	-	51

Causes of Death during the Year, 1944
(Supplied by the Registrar General)

Causes of Death	M. F.		Total all ages	Causes of Death	M. F.		Total all ages
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-	19. Heart Disease	121	145	266
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	20. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	14	7	21
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	21. Bronchitis	18	17	35
4. Whooping Cough	1	-	1	22. Pneumonia	13	15	28
5. Diphtheria	1	2	3	23. Other Respiratory Diseases	9	5	14
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	24	13	37	24. Ulcer of the Stomach or Duodenum	11	3	14
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	3	2	5	25. Diarrhoea (under 2 Yrs.)	5	5	10
8. Syphilitic Disease	3	1	4	26. Appendicitis	1	-	1
9. Influenza	1	3	4	27. Other Digestive Diseases	11	13	24
10. Measles	-	-	-	28. Nephritis	15	11	26
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	29. Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis	-	-	-
12. Acute Infectious Encephalitis	-	-	-	30. Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-
13. (M) Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus	6	-	6	31. Premature Births	11	7	18
13. (F) Cancer of Uterus	-	13	13	32. Congenital Malformations (birth injury, infantile diseases)	4	9	13
14. Cancer of the Stomach and Duodenum	6	11	17	33. Suicide	4	5	9
15. Cancer of Breast	-	22	22	34. Road Traffic Accidents	9	-	9
16. Cancer of all other sites	39	37	76	35. Other Violent Causes	14	14	28
17. Diabetes	2	4	6	36. All other Causes	43	27	70
18. Intra-Cranial Vascular Disease	48	58	116				
TOTAL					437	449	886

Several factors have operated to break the comparability of the tables given in previous years. Evacuation, reception, billeting, requisitioning, industrial migration, conscription have all exerted their influence.

A decennial census was due in 1941, but for obvious reasons - the general reshuffling of the population in response to industrial and other present demands - was not undertaken.

The actual number of officially recognised evacuees living in the Borough on 31st December 1944 was:-

Unaccompanied children	..	..	..	315
Accompanied children	..	..	..	640
Mothers and other adults	.	..	..	800
TOTAL				1,755

GENERAL POSITION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health)	
School Medical Officer	)	George Chosney, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O.,
Port Medical Officer	)	D.P.H.
Deputy Medical Officer of Health	)	Henry D. Kelf, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
	)	D.P.H.
Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Deputy Port Medical Officer	)	James A. Sinclair, M.B., B.Ch.,
	)	D.P.H.
Dental Officer		K.G. Hyland, L.D.S.
Senior Sanitary Inspector		P.W. Wheeler, M.R.S.I. Poole District
Sanitary Inspectors		C.A. Trim, Cert.R.S.I. Branksome "
		J.Power, Cert.R.S.I. Longfleet "
		C.Glover, Cert.R.S.I. (on active service from August, 1939)
		R.Leggat, Cert.R.S.I. Canford District
Rodent Officer		G. W. Skeggs, appointed 20.3.44

Matron Borough Infectious Diseases Hospital	Miss E.M. Dunn, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M.
Supt. Health Visitors & Supervisor of Midwives	Miss M.M. Kingsbury, S.R.N., S.C.M., A.R.S.1.
Health Visitors and School Nurses	Miss M.M. Dolamore, S.R.N., S.C.M., C.R.S.I. Miss L.B. Lever, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N. Miss B.A. Sydenham, Cert. Nurse, Retrd. 17.8.44 Miss I. Smurthwaite, S.R.N., S.C.M., C.R.S.I. Miss M. Phillips, S.R.N., S.C.M., C.R.S.I. Miss M.I. Lewis, S.R.N., C.R.S.I. Resigned 21.2.44 Miss J. Hughes, S.R.N., S.C.M. appointed 2.5.44 Miss J.M. Kusel, S.R.N., S.C.M., appointed 4.9.44
Dental Nurse	Miss G. Forrest
Municipal Midwives	Miss I. Bellringer, S.R.N., S.C.M. Mrs. D. Collings, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss E. Crompton, S.C.M. Miss L. Forrest, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss G. H. Maynard, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss M. O'Leary, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss J. Roberts, S.C.M. Miss W. C. Cross, S.R.N., S.C.M. Mrs. Ayling, S.R.N., S.C.M. appointed 20.3.44
Chief Clerk	F. B. Edwards.
Clerks	Miss E. I. Tapper Miss K. D. Codd Miss P.E.A. Giles (called up by Ministry of Labour & National Service) A.F. Stuckey (on active service) D.J. Cartridge (on active service) A.R. Barrington (on active service)
Temporary Clerks	P. Ford (called up for military service 28.8.44) R. Ryder (on active service) F. Haskell Miss I. Sparrey, resigned 31.12.44 Miss C. Roberts, resigned 8.8.44 Mrs. M. Howell, resigned 25.2.44 Miss P.H. Stevens, appointed 31.1.44 Miss K.E. Wesley, appointed 7.2.44 resigned 6.10.44 Miss W.E. Plummer, appointed 28.3.44 resigned 26.8.44 Miss P.M. Page, appointed 17.4.44 F. Lee, Appointed 4.9.44 Mrs. A.D. Sheppard, appointed 4.9.44 Mrs. J. Blackstock, appointed 16.10.44

CONSULTANT AND PART TIME SPECIALISTS

Obstretrical Consultant and) Consultant under Puerperal) Pyrexia Regulations)	S. Gordon Luker, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.C.O.G.
Ophthalmic Surgeon	T. R. Aynsley, M.B., D.O.M.S.
Orthopaedic Surgeon	H. H. Langston, F.R.C.S.
Orthopaedic Masseuse	Mrs. D. Beale, M.E., L.E.T.,
Nose and Throat Surgeons	A. Mackenzie Ross, M.D., Ch.B., D.L.O. C.R. Salkeld, B.A., F.R.C.S. (on active service)
Radiologist	D. D. Malpas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Anaesthetist	J.A.C. Norman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.S.
Dental Surgeon	R. G. S. Holmes, L.D.S.
Public Analyst	R. P. Charles, M.D., F.R.I.C.
Veterinary Surgeon	J. S. Wood, M.R.C.V.S.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES Facilities for the examination of public health laboratory specimens are available at the branch of the Dorset County Laboratory at the Municipal Buildings, Poole, Sir Robert Archibald, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D., being the bacteriologist in charge, and at the County Laboratory, Dorchester, under the direction of Dr. T. V. Cooper.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

(a) Infectious Diseases. Two motor ambulances are stationed at the Borough Infectious Diseases Hospital.

(b) Non-infectious and accident cases. The two ambulances formerly maintained at the Central Fire Station were on the formation of the National Fire Service operated as part of the Civil Defence Ambulance Services, one being stationed at the Ambulance Depot, Branksome Council Buildings, Upper Parkstone, and the other at Burlea Towers Ambulance Depot, Parkstone Road, Poole.

During the year an additional motor ambulance for medical cases was acquired by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and was operated by the Association for long distance cases.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

- (a) School Clinics
67, Market Street, Poole) Daily 9 - 10.30 during
Old Council Buildings, Branksome) school sessions.
St. Michael's Hall,
Blandford Road, Hamworthy
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9 - 10.30 during school sessions
- (b) Ante-Natal Clinic Weekly - Thursday afternoon
Cornelia Hospital
- (c) Infant Welfare Centres
67, Market Street, Poole Monday 2 p.m. Thursday 11 a.m.
Old Council Buildings, Branksome Tuesday & Friday 2 p.m.
Church Hall, Creekmoor 2nd Tuesday (monthly) 2.30 p.m.
202, Alder Road, Wallisdown 2nd & 4th Thursday (Monthly)
Methodist School Room, Broadstone 3rd Thursday (monthly)
Evangelical Free Church Hall, 1st & 3rd Thursday (monthly)
Ringwood Road, Parkstone
Village Hall, Canford Cliffs 1st Thursday (monthly)
- (d) Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics
67, Market Street Poole Wednesday 10.30 a.m.
Old Council Buildings, Branksome Wednesday 2.30 p.m.
- (e) Orthopaedic Clinic
67, Market Street, Poole Three times weekly.

(f) Dental Clinics

67, Market Street, Poole)	
Old Council Buildings, Branksome	)	By appointment
Bristowe's Chambers, High Street, Poole)	

(g) Scabies Treatment Centre

Longfleet Gardens, Poole.)	By appointment
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HOSPITALS

General Hospital (Voluntary)

Cornelia & East Dorset Hospital,	Medical, Surgical and	
Longfleet Road, Poole.	Childrens' Beds	- 152
	Maternity Beds	21

Infectious Diseases Hospital

Alderney Hospital,	Infectious Disease	
Ringwood Road, Parkstone.	Beds	- 60

Public Assistance Institution

Longfleet Gardens	Poor Law Infirmary	
	Beds	- 105

Tuberculosis Sanatorium

Dorset County Home, Castle Hill	Tuberculosis Beds	
	(Female cases)	- 31

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

Sanitary Inspections

7435 sanitary inspections of premises were made during the year as the result of complaints or investigations into sanitary conditions.

579 informal notices were served to abate nuisances or remedy defects, and in 45 instances these had to be followed up with the service of Statutory Notices.

WATER AND WATER SUPPLY

(a) Public Water Supplies

Corporation

During the year 107 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all were found to be highly satisfactory.

Bournemouth Gas & Water Co.

66 bacteriological samples of this supply in the area of the Borough were taken during the year and all were found to be highly satisfactory.

(b) Private Water Supplies

There are now 88 houses on private water supplies in the Borough (Canford Area); 35 of these are on a piped supply from Canford School, 12 from the piped supply from Canford Reservoir and the remainder from private wells and springs.

96 samples of water from private supplies were taken for bacteriological examination; of these 81 were satisfactory, and 15 unsatisfactory.

Sewerage and Drainage

In unsewered areas, no advance was found practicable during the year.

3 cesspool systems were connected to the sewer. A total of 580 cesspools are in operation.

During the year 360 drains were repaired, cleared or reconstructed. During the same period 179 drainage systems were tested.

A total of 16 house drains and fittings were inspected for issue of Sanitary Certificates.

Cleansing and Scavenging.

NO CHANGE FROM 1943.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

Samples were taken during the year from the "Blue Lagoon" and the Kingland Road Swimming Pools and all proved satisfactory.

FOOD

Food Premises

During the year inspections of those premises were carried out as follows:-

General food premises (grocers, greengrocers, butchers, fishmongers, fried fish shops warehouses, stores, etc.)	2692
Bakehouses	183

Considering the war-time difficulties, the standard of all food premises generally was good.

MILK

(a) Routine Inspections

The number of routine inspections made during the year was:-

Cowsheds	409
Dairies and Milkshops	471

(b) Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops

The number of dealers operating in the Borough is as under:-

Producers	26
Producer-Retailers	10
Wholesale Purveyors	1
Wholesale Retailers	2
Retailers	26
Purveyors of bottled milk only	73

(c) Retail Licences under Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936

Accredited	2
Tuberculin Tested	3
Pasteurised	18

(d) Pasteurisation

Approximately 88 per cent of the milk retailed is pasteurised or heat tested, and approximately 87 per cent of the remainder is Tuberculin Tested or Accredited milk.

During the year 80 samples of pasteurised milk were taken under the Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936. All these samples were satisfactory to the phosphatase and bacterial count tests.

(e) Bacteriological Sampling

During the year 65 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination. 59 of these samples were satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory.

INSPECTIONS OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

(a) Slaughterhouses

In 1944, the war-time concentration of slaughtering continued within the Borough and the work was centralised in one slaughterhouse.

519 visits were made to slaughterhouses, involving the inspection of 14,387 carcasses and offals of animals.

During the year the meat condemned in slaughterhouses and butchers' shops and sent for salvage was:-

Beef	80,928 lbs
Pork	5,648 lbs
Mutton & Lamb	405½ lbs
Veal	613 lbs
Offals	59,692 lbs
Rabbits	4 lbs

A total of 147,290½ lbs.

(b) Other foods condemned at food premises comprised:-

Tinned Meat	382½ lbs
Fish	4,436 "
Vegetables	65,855 "
Bacon	854½ "
Suger	164 "
Jam	256 "
Butter	249½ "
Margarine	26½ "
Cheese	123 "
Oranges	1,032 "
Rice	137 "
Cereals	357½ "
Custard Powder	153 "
Chocolate Powder	29 "
Blancmange Powder	116 "
Semolina	207 "
Pudding Powder	85 pkts.

Dried Fruit	645	lbs
Tea	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Flour	291	"
Biscuits	52	"
Crabs	96	"
Crumpets	135	
Fish Cakes	18	
Eggs	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	doz.
Chocolate	6	Bars
Pickles	3	Bottles
Sausages	501	lbs
Lard	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Gravy Salts	35	"
Tinned Foodstuffs	3,984	tins

Food and Drugs

Table G enumerates the samples taken by the Sampling Officers under the Act, and subjected to analysis as to genuineness or presence of preservatives.

Total of all samples - 215; 62 formal and 153 informal. 6 formal and 23 informal samples were adulterated, representing a percentage adulteration of 13.5. This figure shows an increase when compared with the figure for 1943 (3 per cent).

94 samples of milk were examined and 13 found adulterated. Four of the formal adulterated samples contained extraneous water to the extent of 10.3, 11.6, 1.5 and 1.6 per cent respectively, the other being deficient in fat to the extent of 2 per cent. Of the informal adulterated samples, four contained extraneous water to the extent of 71.2, 7, 2 and 12 per cent respectively, and four samples were deficient in fat to the extent of 3.3, 4.3, 3.3 and 2 per cent respectively. The average analysis of the samples was Fat 3.8 per cent, and Non-fatty Solids 8.9 per cent, which was very satisfactory. Proceedings were instituted against the Vendors of the two formal samples which contained 10.3 and 11.6 per cent of extraneous water.

Eight samples of Drugs were submitted, and they all were genuine and of good quality, and complied with the requirements of the British Pharmacopoeia.

Three samples of Baking Powder and one of Self Raising Flour were adulterated, being deficient in Carbon Dioxide. It was not considered necessary to institute proceedings in these cases.

Seven samples of Pudding Mixture, one of Plasmon Oats, and one of Vegetable Soup were found to be unfit for human consumption. These were test samples of food shop stocks under inspection by the Food Inspectors, and resulted in the withdrawal of the stocks concerned.

Three samples of Gin were found to be adulterated to the extent of 100 per cent water. Proceedings in these cases were instituted by the Police.

H O U S I N G

There was an increase in the number and amount of repairs carried out to dwellinghouses.

Repairs were secured to 386 houses during the year.

Details of the inspections etc. made under the Housing Acts are shewn under Table E.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATIONInfectious Diseases

During the year, 379 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases and 256 disinfections of premises carried out.

A.R.P. Shelters

During 1944, 909 inspections of public, communal and school shelters were carried out.

3,028 disinfections of shelters were carried out during the year.

Schools

During the year, 327 visits of inspection were made; particular attention was paid to the condition of sanitary conveniences. All school premises were disinfected during school holidays.

Disinfestations

124 premises were disinfested for various verminous conditions during the year.

Insect & Pest Destruction

During the year 72 visits were paid to premises infested with insect and other pests and 52 disinfestations were carried out.

Destruction of Rats and Mice

In April, 1944, the Council appointed a full time Rodent Officer and 4 operatives to carry out the systematic destruction of rats and mice in the Borough.

During the year a considerable amount of time had to be expended on the organisation of the service and on a survey of the area for infestations. A summary of the work done in nine months is:-

No. of complaints investigated	633
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No. of visits made	2,424
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No. of private, business and service premises treated and cleared	574
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No. of premises re-treated	10
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Estimated No. of rodents destroyed	9,526
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Treatment was mainly by baiting (13,286 pre-baits and 2,818 poison baits were laid) but the staff is now equipped and trained in all methods of rodent destruction.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

No outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease occurred during 1944.
Three outbreaks of suspected Swine Fever were reported; none were confirmed.

G E N E R A L

Moveable Dwellings

Four moveable dwellings were in occupation under short term licences; 68 inspections were made during the year.

Common Lodging Houses

Two common lodging houses are registered within the Borough, and during 1944, 108 visits were made.

Factories

584 inspections of factories were made during the year.
51 defects were found and 50 remedied; generally no particular difficulties were experienced in this work during the year.

Particulars of the inspections of factories are set out in Table J.

Piggeries

During the year, 107 piggeries were in existence, and 341 visits were made.

Visits

The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year for all purposes was 14,790.

TABLE OF HOUSES IN OCCUPATION IN THE BOROUGH

The total number of dwellinghouses occupied and void was 21,704.
59 Houses were still under construction at the end of the year, work on these having been stopped owing to the war.

Year	Over £22 R.V.		Under £22 R.V.		Total		Popul- ation	Persons per Occupied House
	Occupied	Void	Occupied	Void	Occupied	Void		
1943	5346	113	16095	134	21441	247	70000	3.26
1944	5311	113	16154	126	21465	239	70000	3.26

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR 1944

	Cattle ex- cluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed.	1060	2395	4083	5536	1313
Number inspected.	1060	2395	4083	5536	1313
All diseases except Tuber- culosis. Whole carcasses condemned.	3	10	9	3	11
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	170	701	112	1088	514
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	16.3	29.7	2.9	19.7	39.9
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned.	12	134	4	-	5
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	122	656	13	-	152
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	12.7	32.9	0.4	-	11.9

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Inspections of dwellinghouses during the year:-

(1)	(a)	Total number inspected for housing defects	1235
	(b)	Number of inspections made	1815
(2)	(a)	Number (included under sub-head (1) above) inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1935	698
	(b)	Number of inspections	699
(3)		Number found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit	690
(4)		Number (exclusive of (3)) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit.	378
2. Remedy of defects without service of formal Notices:-			
		Number rendered fit in consequence of informal action	374
3. Action under statutory powers:-			
	(a)	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
	(1)	Number of notices served requiring repairs	13
	(2)	Number rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a)	by owners	7
	(b)	by Local Authority in default of owners	1
	(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
	(1)	Number of notices served requiring defects to be remedied	28
	(2)	Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a)	by owners	22
	(b)	by Local Authority in default of owners	2
	(c)	Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
	(1)	Number of Demolition Orders	-
	(2)	Number of houses demolished in pursuance	-
	(d)	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936. (Separate tenements or underground rooms)	-
4. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding: Part IV:-			
	(a)	(i) Number overcrowded at the end of the year	9
		(ii) Number of families	9
		(iii) Number of persons	70
	(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	4
	(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	4
		(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	31½
	(d)	Particulars of re-crowding	-
	(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding	-

TABLE C. WORK DONE UNDER THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1944

	For- mal	infor- mal	Total	Gen- uine.	Adult- erated	Vendor cautioned.	Vendor Prosec.
Baking Powder	2	7	9	6	3	3	-
Boracic Acid Powder	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Butter	2	4	6	6	-	-	-
Bottled Beer	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Cake	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Coffee	1	3	4	4	-	-	-
Coffee & Chicory	1	1	2	2	-	-	-
Cocoa	1	5	6	6	-	-	-
Cheese	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Curry Powder	-	6	6	6	-	-	-
Custard Powder	-	2	2	2	-	-	-
Cyder, "Steady Nip"	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Camphorated Oil	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Dessert Mould	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Eggs, Dried	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Epsom Salts	-	2	2	2	-	-	-
Flour, Self Raising	-	5	5	4	1	1	-
Flour, Soya	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Flour, Bun	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Flour, Cake	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Flowers of Sulphur	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Gin, Dry	-	5	5	3	3	-	3
Lard	1	1	2	2	-	-	-
Lemonade Powder	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Liquorice Powder	-	2	2	2	-	-	-
Magnesia Tablets	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Mustard	-	3	3	3	-	-	-
Margarine	2	1	3	3	-	-	-
Milk	45	49	94	81	13	11	2
Oatmeal	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Oatmeal, Coarse	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Oats, Plasmon	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Pepper	-	11	11	11	-	-	-
Pepper, Black	-	2	2	2	-	-	-
Paste, Pork & Beef	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Paste, Veal & Ham	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Paste, Bloater	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Paste, Ham & Beef	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Paste, Fish	-	3	3	3	-	-	-
Powder, Semolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pudding	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Powder, Rissole	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Powder, Salad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dressing	-	2	2	2	-	-	-
Powder, Egg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substitute	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Powder, Sauce	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Powder, Pudding	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Powder, Sponge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pudding	-	2	2	-	2	-	-
Powder, Sponge Cake	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Sausage Meat	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Sausages, Pork	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Semolina	-	4	4	4	-	-	-
Scone Mixture	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Soup, Vegetable	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Tea	5	1	6	6	-	-	-
Vironita Restorative	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Wine, Port type	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Wine, Sherry type	-	1	1	1	-	-	-

Sanitary Inspectors' Report for the year, 1944

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS	14790
COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES	
Investigated	603
No. of visits	612
HOUSING	
Housing Acts	
Houses inspected for housing defects	814
Visits for such purposes	1276
Houses recorded under Housing Regulations	535
Houses requiring repair	219
Houses overcrowded	6
"Follow-up" visits for housing repairs	806
Public Health Act	
No. of houses inspected	474
No. of houses requiring repairs	329
No. of visits	813
Drainage	
Inspections	1195
Drains reconstructed, repaired or cleared	360
Drains tested	179
Certificate tests made	16
Cesspool drainage connected to sewer	3
Cesspools inspected	105
Drainage effluents etc. sampled	88
Water Supply	
Visits	442
Water supply samples	249
REGISTERED AND OTHER PREMISES	
Common lodging houses, houses let in lodgings	108
Moveable dwellings	68
Schools	327
Swimming Pools	28
Public premises, cinemas, lavatories etc.	898
Piggeries, stables, etc.	341
Factories	496
Other premises	927
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES	
No. of visits	379
Disinfections after disease	256
Verminous premises	
No. of inspections	119
Disinfestations carried out	124
Insect pests, etc.	
No. of investigations	72
Disinfestations carried out	57
FOOD	
Food premises, stores, shops, stalls etc.	2692
Slaughterhouses	519
Bakchouses	183
Cowsheds	409
Dairies and milk shops	471
Food Sampling	
Food and drugs	219
Pasteurised milks	72
Other milks	74
Other foods	13
Food condemned; see list overleaf	
No. of inspections	312
A.R.P. SHELTERS: Inspections	909
Disinfections	3028
DISEASES OF ANIMALS: Visits	78
NOTICES AND ORDERS	
No. of informal notices issued	579
No. of informal notices abated	470
No. of statutory notices served	45
No. of statutory notices abated	34

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901, AND THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

TABLE J.

1. INSPECTIONS

Premises	Inspections	Number of:	
		Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	405	39	-
Factories without mechanical power	151	4	-
Other premises	28	-	-
TOTAL	584	43	-

2. DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which prosecution was instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	21	21	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ..	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ..	1	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors	-	-	-	-
(insufficient ..	1	1	-	-
(unsuitable ..	2	2	-	-
Conveniences (defective ..	14	14	-	-
(not separate for	-	-	-	-
sexes ..	2	2	-	-
Other offences	10	9	-	-
TOTAL	51	50	-	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1944

DISEASE	Number of cases													Removed to Hospital
	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 - 15 years	15 - 20 years	20 - 35 years	35 - 45 years	45 - 65 years	65 years & upwards	
Scarlet Fever	94	-	2	3	3	10	38	17	8	8	4	1	-	57
Pneumonia	64	5	1	4	3	-	12	8	1	8	8	7	-	-
Measles	725	27	63	78	82	86	338	27	11	11	2	2	1	12
Diphtheria	42	-	-	1	1	3	13	11	-	8	2	1	-	42X
Whooping Cough	229	23	27	21	35	20	83	3	-	3	5	1	-	6
Erysipelas	26	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	12
Scarperal Pyrexia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	5
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Malaria	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	6
Dysentery (Sonne)	6	-	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Streptococcal Infection	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Paratyphoid B.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1200	60	64	109	124	129	486	69	22	54	28	21	12	145

X Of the 42 cases notified as diphtheria and admitted to hospital a diagnosis of diphtheria on clinical and bacteriological observations could not be confirmed in 15 cases.

Cases admitted to Alderney
Hospital during the year
1944

	POOLE BOROUGH	OUTSIDE DISTRICTS	SERVICES	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	50	13	1	64
Scarlet Fever & Chickenpox	1	-	-	1
Diphtheria	27	4	-	31
Vincent's Angina	2	-	-	2
Tonsillitis	17	6	2	25
Dysentery (Sonne & Amoebic)	4	16	-	20
Enteritis	5	-	-	5
Paratyphoid B.	1	-	-	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever. Other Meningitis	3	8	-	11
Puerperal fever	4	-	-	4
Erysipelas	11	-	-	11
Measles	10	4	1	15
Rubella	4	-	15	19
Whooping Cough	5	-	1	6
Chickenpox	1	1	1	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	-	-	3
Infective Hepatitis	2	2	-	4
Tuberculosis	-	-	1 N.F.S.	1
Influenza	1	-	-	1
Lobar pneumonia	1	-	-	1
<u>Non-infectious Cases</u>				
Incomplete abortion	-	1	-	1
Pelvic peritonitis	1	-	-	1
Subarachnoid Haemorrhage	-	1	-	1
Glandular Fever	1	1	-	2
Scalds with Toxic Erythema	-	1	-	1
Colitis	1	-	-	1
Cerebral Tumour	1	-	-	1
Babies with Mothers	2	-	-	2
	158	58	22	238

Tuberculosis

The Dorset County Council is the Local Authority for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis.

Particulars are given below of the position as regards the incidence of the disease in recent years.

	<u>First Notifications</u>		<u>Formerly notified new residents</u>		<u>Deaths</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Other Forms</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Other Forms</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Other Forms</u>
1925	59	18	12	1	33	6
1930	61	14	3	1	48	6
1935	47	14	12	-	52	3
1940	47	13	15	-	39	11
1941	53	10	14	-	42	5
1942	55	10	8	1	38	4
1943	55	17	12	1	34	2
1944	73	27	20	2	45	6

For the year under review, the details are as follows:-

Age Period	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
5-	1	-	5	4	-	-	-	-
15-	13	15	4	4	3	2	1	1
25-	5	3	2	1	7	4	-	-
35-	11	2	-	2	7	5	1	1
45-	6	2	-	-	7	2	1	-
55-	4	1	1	-	6	1	-	-
65-& upward	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Totals	42	31	14	13	30	15	4	2

Of the deaths from the respiratory form:-

19 had been notified during 1944; 1 had been notified during 1936
 5 " " " " 1943; 1 " " " " 1927
 7 " " " " 1942;
 3 " " " " 1941;
 4 " " " " 1940;
 3 " " " " 1939;
 2 " " " " 1938;

Of the 6 non-pulmonary deaths, one was due to renal disease, one to tuberculous meningitis, 1 to tuberculosis of the larynx, 2 to tubercular glands and 1 to acute miliary tuberculosis.

Blind Persons Act, 1920

Care of the blind is a function of the Dorset County Council. Of educable children under 16, there are 5 under the supervision of the Education Committee, viz:-

2 boys of school age at home, receiving specialist treatment.

3 girls at a residential school or home.

Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937

Medical examinations were carried out and reports made on fitness in the case of 15 candidates for designated posts in the Corporation Service. All candidates passed the test.

Maternity and Child Welfare

There was no change during 1944 in respect of Health Visiting and Child Life Protection. With regard to maternity services, with the assistance and co-operation of the Local Authority an additional maternity ward was opened under the administration of the Cornelia and East Dorset Hospital. This new ward accommodates 12 cases, the accommodation being one ward of 9 beds, a 24 hour ward of 2 beds and an observation ward of 1 bed.

Orthopaedic Services

The arrangements for Orthopaedic cases for consultation and treatment at the Cornelia Hospital were transferred to the Lord Mayor Trelcar's Cripples' Hospital, Alton in 1942. Arrangements were made for in-patient treatment at Alton, and for the Orthopaedic Surgeon's Clinic and Remedial Centre at Poole.

Registration of Nursing Homes

During 1944 there were no changes in the general arrangements. The number of premises registered as Nursing Homes in the Borough was 12.

During the year action was taken in respect of one Nursing Home under section 188 of the Public Health Act, 1936. The registration was cancelled, and at the end of the year the hearing of the appeal was outstanding.

Work done under the Borough Scheme

		1943	1944
(1)	<u>Home Visiting</u>		
	(a) to expectant mothers	281	220
	(b) to children - under 1 year	5315	4460
	- between 1 & 5.	6472	5118
(2)	<u>Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics</u>		
	(a) Expectant mothers advised or assisted	196	358
	(b) Total attendances of children:		
	under 1 year	6172	6383
	over 1 year	3144	3940

(3)	<u>Cornelia Hospital Antenatal and Postnatal Clinic</u>	1943	1944
	Antenatal attendances	373	433
	Postnatal attendances	194	204
(4)	<u>Issues of Milk and Dried Milk</u>	-	-
(5)	<u>Hospital Emergency Service for Infants</u>	-	-
(6)	<u>Hospital Maternity Service</u>	32	72
	Ward admissions (see table below)		

Ophthalmia Neonatorum Four cases occurred.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, 1944, UNDER BOROUGH MATERNITY SCHEME

Number of admissions	Reason for Admission	Number of Deliveries		
		Live births	Still-births	Total
8	Abnormal presentation	6	2	8
1	Prolonged labour	1	-	1
4	Anticipated complication	4	-	4
13	Previous obst. etrical history	12	1	13
3	Antepartum haemorrhage	2	1	3
2	Elderly primipara	1	1	2
1	Epilepsy	1	-	1
4	Multiple pregnancy	5	2	7
34	Social Circumstances	36	1	37
72		68	8	76

No Maternal deaths.

BIRTHS 1944

		Notified by			Not Notified	Total Live Births	Stillbirths		
		Doctor. Midwife. Parent					Notified by		
		Doctor.	Midwife.	Parent			Doctor.	Midwife.	Parent.
Legitimate	(Male (Female	19 24	561 578	3 2	- -	582 604	1 -	14 18	- -
Illegitimate	(Male (Female	2 1	66 72	- -	- -	68 73	- -	2 2	- -
TOTAL	(Male (Female	20 25	627 650	3 2	- -	650 677	1 -	16 20	- -
GRAND TOTAL		45	1277	5	-	1327	1	36	-

Midwives Acts, 1902 - 1936. The following table is inserted for observation of progress in reduction of maternal mortality, stillbirths and neo-natal deaths.

Year	Total Births	DOMICILIARY BIRTHS			Institutional Births	Hospital births under scheme	Hospital Emergency Admissions under scheme	Medical Aid Summonses	Maternal Deaths	Neo-natal Deaths	Stillbirths
		Midwives	Maternity Nurses	Otherwise							
1933	1018	(			)	76	6	75	1	31	48
1934	992	(			)	68	15	106	9	27	32
1935	1046	(Not available)				71	11	72	6	41	32
1936	1035	(			)	56	4	78	6	25	38
1937	1049	(			)	74	3	114	4	28	39
1938	1065	437	303	86	239	99	14	110	4	32	39
1939	1045	498	300	-	247	123	24	73	3	27	24
1940	1046	472	276	-	238	76	23	68	4	20	45
1941	1082	418	248	-	416	75	18	48	3	26	36
1942	1265	532	266	-	467	37	13	42	2	32	45
1943	1178	394	233	-	551	35	12	45	4	43	31
1944	1327	486	344		497	72		34	-	50	37

Doctors' claims paid.....	1943 £54. 9. 0d.	1944 £55. 5. 0.
Midwives practising		
Municipal.....	9	9
Private, resident.....	7	6
Private, non-resident.....	1	1
Institutional.....	12	13

Public Health Act, 1936: Foster Parents

Active Foster-mothers.....	29
Waiting Foster-mothers.....	-
Visits paid by Inspectors.....	284

Public Health Act, 1936: Registration of Nursing Homes

Number on Register at end of 1943.....	14
Added during 1944.....	1
Closed during 1944.....	3
Number on Register at end of 1944.....	12
Number of Visits of Inspection during 1944.....	23

Borough of Poole Maternity and Child Welfare Association

The Association maintained its activities throughout the year.

St. Monica's Maternity Home.

The Salisbury Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare opened a Maternity Home at St. Peter's Road, Parkstone, on 9th December, 1945. This home provides accommodation for 11 patients.

Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital, Swanage.

One child under school age, and four school children, had the benefit of this recuperative Hospital for varying periods during 1944.

Scabies Clinic

Number of Children (under 5) treated	84
Number of treatments given	191

MOROCCAN ORTHOPEDIC MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES

DEFECTS AND DEFORMITIES	Under treatment at end of 1943	New cases during 1944	TOTAL	Removed during 1944					Remaining at end of 1944
				Discharged by surgeon	Transferred or left district	Ceased attendance	Transferred to school	TOTAL	
A. Congenital	11	5	16	4	-	-	3	7	9
B. Inflammatory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C. Traumatic and complications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Paralysis	6	2	8	-	-	-	1	1	7
E. Acquired (Rickets & Postural)	26	9	35	16	1	3	5	25	10
F. Diseases of bone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Other Defects not classified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	43	16	59	20	1	3	9	33	26

Surgeon's Clinic Attendances			Remedial Clinics		Hospital In-Patient treatment			
New Cases	Old Cases	Total	No. of Cases	Total attendances	Remaining on Dec. 31 1943	Admitted	Discharged	Remaining on 31.12.44
24	82	106	9	242	3	1	2	2

1944

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICES

STAFF (Changes)

School Nurses

Miss B. A. Sydenham, resigned 17.8.44
Miss M. I. Lewis, resigned 21.2.44
Miss J. Hughes, appointed 2.5.44
Miss V. M. Kusel, appointed 4.9.44

SCHOOLS

Official accomodation Total 8241

Council Schools	4479	Kemp Welch Senior	960
Non-provided "	1842	Henry Harbin Senior	960

Number of children on School Roll

At March 31st, 1944	-	8374
Average attendance " " "		7208

Number of evacuee children attending schools - Approx. 200

ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Entrants	1495		
Second Age Group	339		
Third Age Group	363		
		Total	2197

<u>Special Inspections and Re-inspections</u>	" 847
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Classification of Nutrition of Children inspected during the year in the Routine Age Groups:-

Number of children inspected	A (Excellent)		B (Normal)		C (Slightly Sub-normal)		D (Bad)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2197	946	43.06	1194	54.54	57	2.60	-	-

/Medically

Medically inspected - (Summarised) at Schools.

Routine age groups requiring treatment	76
Specials	847
Uncleanliness	19
Skin disease	38
Visual and external eye defects	37
Nose and Throat defects	10
Orthopaedic	7
Functional cardiacs	-
Tuberculosis	-
Diseases of the nervous system	-
Other defects	6
Vaccinated record	19.0%

TREATMENT OF DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT AT EYE CLINIC	Total
1. Refractive error corrected by spectacles	10
2. Refractive error corrected by contact lenses	5
3. Refractive error corrected by intraocular lenses	3
4. Refractive error corrected by corneal refractive surgery	2
5. Refractive error corrected by orthokeratology	1
6. Refractive error corrected by other methods	1
7. Squint corrected by surgery	4
8. Squint corrected by other methods	2
9. Other eye conditions treated	1
10. Total	29

Errors of refraction (including squint)	-	295)	
Other defects or diseases of the eyes)	
(excluding those recorded at Minor Ailment			)	304
Clinics)	-	9)	
Number of children for whom spectacles were				
(a) prescribed		186		
(b) obtained		161		

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT
under Authority's scheme at Cornelia Hospital

Number of children who received operative treatment	93
" " " " " other forms of treatment	-
Total	<u>93</u>

DENTAL INSPECTION AT SCHOOLS AND TREATMENT AT DENTAL CLINIC

(1)	Number of children inspected by the Dentist		
	(a) Routine age groups	3992	
	(b) Special	448	
	Total	<hr/> 4440 <hr/>	
(2)	Number found to require treatment	2767	
(3)	" actually treated	2582	
(4)	Attendances made by children for treatment	3739	
(5)	Half days devoted to inspection	33)	Total
	treatment	450)	483
(6)	Fillings: Permanent teeth	1760	
	Temporary "	-	
(7)	Extractions: Permanent teeth	527)	Total
	Temporary "	3643)	4170
(8)	Admissions for general anaesthetics for extractions	1182	
(9)	Other operations : Permanent teeth	-	
	Temporary "	-	

REPORT ON THE DENTAL SERVICE FOR 1944

The following report covers the first full twelve months of the full-time Dental Service.

During the year 3992 children were inspected during 33 sessions.

Of these 2767 were referred for treatment, or 70%. The previously existing gap of approximately six months between inspection and treatment has been reduced to about a fortnight.

2134 children have received complete treatment, giving the gratifying "acceptance rate" of 77%. The total treatment time was 450 sessions.

In addition to these "routine" cases 448 special cases received some treatment of an urgent nature. This brings the total number treated to 2582, with the number of attendances at the clinics totalling 3739.

Included in these figures are 1182 attendances for the administration of 'gas'. For this work we still have the valuable assistance of Mr. R.G. Stuart Holmes.

1760 fillings have been done. This works out at the low figure of only .64 fillings per child. It ought to be in the neighbourhood of 1.5 for every child treated at the commencement of a full-time dental service.

Seeing the conservative aspect of any dental scheme is the most important it will be well to state the reasons for this low figure. The greatest single factor is the hitherto inadequate staffing. Because it has been impossible to get anywhere near completing the total circuit within twelve months attention has been concentrated upon the younger age-groups, with a view to eliminating dental sepsis from the mouths of as many children as possible in the earlier years of their school-life. In fact every school except one has had the treatment of its infant classes completed during the year. This has involved the temporary postponing of treatment of the senior schools where the large number of fillings are to be found. These schools will soon, however, be visited. The whole of the Kemp Welch Girls' School and part of the Boys' School was inspected, and it is necessary to report what was only to be expected - large numbers of valuable permanent teeth in which decay had gone so far as to render them unsavable. This position should gradually improve as the work of the promised increase of staff is brought to bear on the state of these children.

It is my pleaseure to report that the ancient prejudice against 'fillings' has been practically non-existent. This augurs well for the future of the Dental scheme.

The year's work has gone with the maximum smoothness. Miss Forrest, the Dental Attendant, has worked hard and loyally in co-operating in the inauguration of the full-time service. There has been, very especially, the most whole-hearted support from the Head Teachers concerned.

MINOR AILMENT CLINICS

In addition to the treatment of minor ailments of school children, many children are inspected as "specials" by the Medical Officers, due to the fact that the Clinics are more central for the attendance of parents than at the senior schools. This also applies to Tonsils and Adenoids, Orthopaedic defects and other cases referred by local medical practitioners, head teachers and school nurses for examination and treatment (if necessary) under the Authority's scheme. Many parents attend with their children for advice and medical certificates for school attendance purposes.

The following figures show:-

	<u>No. of children attended</u>	<u>No. of attend- ances</u>
Poole (School Clinic)	905	4406
Branksome (School Clinic)	1139	5154
Hamworthy (First Aid Post)	242	1973
Kemp Welch (School)	589	3592
TOTALS	2875	15125

Poole and Branksome are open each morning 9 till 10.30 (schooldays)

Hamworthy and Kemp Welch are open four mornings weekly (schooldays)

Analysis of defects treated or under treatment:-

Ringworm	29	Dental Defects	174
Scabies	131	Orthopaedic and)	
Impetigo	107	postural defects)	60
Other skin conditions	221	Heart disease and rheumatism	4
Minor eye defects	239	Other defects and diseases	1686
Vision referred for)			
refraction)	129		
TOTAL	2780		

Visits to Homes of School Children by School Nurses.

(1) Follow-up defects:	243
(2) Concerning infectious disease, sore throats:	318
(3) Concerning uncleanness:	86

Number of children of school age examined during the year for special defects and classified:-

A. Mentally Defective Children

- (1) Number examined and reported on
- (2) Medical Officer's Classification:-
- (i) Normal
 - (ii) Dull or backward
 - (iii) Feeble-minded
 - (iv) Imbecile
 - (v) Idiot
 - (vi) Not yet certified
- (3) Medical Officer's recommendations:-
- (i) Re-examination
 - (ii) Ordinary elementary school
 - (iii) Special Class for dull or backward
 - (iv) " School for feeble-minded
 - (v) Unsuited for Special School

Boys Girls

12 10

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3 3

7 4

2 2

- 1

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1 -

4 3

5 4

2 3

B. Blind or Partially Blind

Number of cases examined

Certified for Special School for the Blind

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C. Deaf

Number of cases examined

Certified for Special School for the Deaf

2 1

2 1

D. Epileptic

Number of cases examined

Certified for Special Schools

To attend ordinary school

Unsuited for any school

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E. Physically defective

Number of cases examined

Classification of defects:

- (i) Various forms of Paralysis
- (ii) Defects due to other diseases (Cardiac)

1 2

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Recommendations

- (i) Ordinary Elementary School
- (ii) Special school for cripples
- (iii) " Hospital School for children
- (iv) Open air school
- (v) Unsuited for any school
- (vi) Re-examination

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Number of Children receiving education in Institutions

	At end of 1943	Admitted during 1944	Discharged during 1944	Number at end of 1944
Mental defectives	5	2	1	6
Blind or partially blind	5	-	-	5
Deaf	4	-	-	4
Epilepsy	2	1	1	2
Physically defective) cardiac)	1	-	1	-
TOTAL	17	3	3	17

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICESORTHOPÆDIC SERVICES

Defects and Deformities	Under treatment at end of 1943	New cases during 1944	Transferred to School	Total	Discharged by Surgeon	Left School	Transferred or left district	Ceased Attendance	Total	Remaining at end of 1944
A. Congenital	14	6	3	23	3	1	1	-	5	16
B. Inflammatory	8	3	-	11	3	2	-	-	5	6
C. Traumatic and Complications	3	1	-	4	2	-	1	-	3	1
D. Paralysis	11	6	1	18	-	-	-	-	-	18
E. Acquired (Rickets and Postural)	42	37	5	84	30	5	2	7	44	40
F. Diseases of the Bone	1	4	-	5	4	-	-	-	-	1
G. Other Defects not classified	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-
TOTAL	79	59	9	147	44	8	4	7	63	84

Hospital (In-patient) Treatment

	Remaining at end of 1943	New admissions 1944	Discharged during 1944	Remaining at Dec. 31st, 1944
Alton	1	7	6	2

Attendances

Surgeon's Clinic -	Number of Clinics	11
	New Cases 57)	
	Old " 189)	Total 246
Remedial Clinic -	No. of Sessions	136
	No. of children attending	70
	Total attendances	2078

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
Number of children completed 2 doses A.P.T.				
Under school age	631	1352	1172	871
School age	2175	1474	1019	257
Number of children one dose only (not completed)				
Under school age		267	197	13
School age		345	240	9
Number of children who had 3rd (Booster) dose				
School age		545	688	1110

Centres for Diphtheria Immunisation

Poole (67, Market Street) Branksome (Council Buildings)) Weekly
Cranbrook Road (First Aid Post))

Canford Cliffs, Oakdale, Creekmoor, Wallisdown, Broadstone, Newtown.
 (Child Welfare Centres) Monthly

Children and Young Persons Act and Byelaws.

Number of children examined in order to determine their fitness for employment out of school hours:-

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
During 1944	49	7
Number of certificates refused:	-	-

Employment of Children in Entertainments

Children examined for entertainment licences: nil.

Scabies Treatment Centre

Number of school children attended: 251
 " " treatments given: 567

Swanage Red Cross Children's Memorial Hospital

Number of children admitted: 5

P O R T H E A L T H

Port Medical Officer's Report
(Abbreviated)

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| 1. | No. of Vessels inspected | 194 |
| | No. found defective | 17 |
| | No. of defects remedied | 16 |
| 2. | Character of trade of the Port | No change |
| 3. | Source of Water Supply | No change |
| 4. | Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933 | No change |
| 5. | Measures against Rodents | No change |
| | Rats destroyed | 38 |
| 6. | Hygiene of Crews' Spaces: | |
| | No structural defects were found. Sixteen instances of unhygienic conditions and vermin were dealt with. | |
| 7. | Food inspection and shellfish. | |

In addition to the above a considerable amount of other important work has been carried out by the Port Medical Officer for which no reference may be made at present.

C I V I L D E F E N C E

The Medical Officer of Health is also the Medical Officer in Charge of the Casualty Services, which has added an immense amount of work during the year, and has necessarily curtailed the peace-time routine duties in other departments.

Day and residential nurseries; evacuated children in sick-bay and hostel; have also thrown additional work on the department.

